

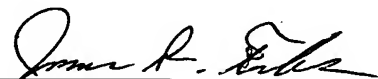
REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-14. No claims have been amended, cancelled or added in this amendment. As such, a complete listing of the claims is not included with this Preliminary Amendment, in accordance with the revised amendment practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, 68 *Fed. Reg.* 3861 (June 30, 2003), and as described in paragraph A) of "*Rev. 3 (07/24/03) Flyer for mailing with all Office actions by TCs.*"

The cross reference information on page 1 of the patent application has been amended herein to correctly reference the two (2) German Patent Applications to which the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) is claimed in the present application.

The amendments presented herein are not deemed to represent the entry of new matter into the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment, and an early action on the merits.

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